

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 158056
ORIGIN SS-15

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /016 R

66011

DRAFTED BY IO/UNA:BJSHARP

APPROVED BY IO/UNA:JFTEFFT

S/S-O:KDSCOTT

-----015120 212344Z /63

O 212138Z JUN 78

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

INFO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE 7783

S E C R E T STATE 158056

EXDIS FOR AMB. YOUNG FROM UNA

FOLLOWING REPEAT OF CAIRO 15434 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO TEL
AVIV JERUSALEM BAGHDAD AMMAN DAMASCUS JIDDA JUN 20.

QUOTE: S E C R E T CAIRO 15434

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR EG IS

SUBJECT: FURTHER COMMENTS BY FONMIN KAMEL ON ISRAELI

- RESPONSE

REF: CAIRO 15357 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: FONMIN KAMEL REITERATES GOE DISAPPOINTMENT
AT ISRAELI RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTIONS, SHARES WEIZMAN'S
REPORTED VIEW IT MAY LEAD TO NEW ME WAR, AND CONTENTS
ONLY HOPE NOW IS FOR USG PUT FORWARD PROPOSAL OF ITS
OWN. END SUMMARY.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 158056

2. AT FONMIN KAMEL'S RECEPTION LAST EVENING FOR DE-
PARTING MFA UNDER SECRETARY, KAMEL TOOK ME ASIDE TO
TELL ME ABOUT SHAZLI INCIDENT (CAIRO 15385). HE THEN
MADE A FEW ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON ISRAELI RESPONSE TO
OUR QUESTIONS.

3. FIRST, HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD HAD TO TELL THE

WAITING PRESS ABOUT GOE DISAPPOINTMENT WITH ISRAELI RESPONSE. HE HAD TRIED TO DO SO IN AS RESTRAINED A MANNER AS POSSIBLE AND HAD INDICATED GOE WAS CONSULTING WITH USG ON SITUATION (CAIRO 15426). FAILURE ON PART GOE TO STIGMATIZE ISRAELI RESPONSE FOR WHAT IT IS WOULD BE MISUNDERSTOOD AT HOME AND ABROAD. EGYPTIANS AND OTHER ARABS WOULD VIEW IT AS SIGN OF EGYPTIAN UNRELIABILITY AND WEAKNESS. ISRAELIS WOULD SEE IT AS EGYPTIAN ACQUISITION. INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE PRESS TO BE RESTRAINED, BUT GOE CANNOT ASK THE PRESS TO REFRAIN FROM EXPRESSING EGYPTIAN DISPLEASURE AND BITTERNESS WITH LATEST ISRAELI PERFORMANCE.

4. THE PROBLEM, KAMEL NOTED, IS BEGIN. ISRAELI PRIMIN IS OBSESSED WITH ISRAEL'S BIBLICAL CLAIM TO WEST BANK AND IS TOTALLY INTRANSIGENT. KAMEL NOTED EMPHASIS PLACED IN SAUNDERS' TESTIMONY TO HIRC AND IN ATHERTON'S LAST SPEECH TO OBTAINING POSITIVE ISRAELI RESPONSES TO OUR QUESTIONS. EVEN WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT OUR APPEALS TO ISRAELIS FOR SUCH POSITIVE RESPONSES HAVE BORNE NO FRUIT. HE UNDERSTOOD OUR DESIRE KEEP NEGOTIATIONS GOING AND INDEED GOE SHARES THIS VIEW. HE HOPED, HOWEVER, THAT USG WILL NOT TRY TO CHARACTERIZE ISRAELI RESPONSE. AS IN ANY WAY POSITIVE. DOING SO WILL UNDERCUT USG CREDIBILITY IN EGYPT AND ARAB WORLD. GOE WANTS USG TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS, BUT NOT ON FALSE PREMISE THAT
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 158056

ISRAELI RESPONSE HAS ADDED SOMETHING NEW OR POSITIVE TO THE PROCESS.

5. KAMEL SAID GOE'S SOLE HOPE NOW IS FOR EARLY USG PROPOSAL. WITHOUT THIS PEACE PROCESS WILL BE INDEFINITELY FROZEN AND AREA SITUATION WILL DETERIORATE. IN THIS CONNECTION, KAMEL MENTIONED REPORTED STATEMENT BY WEIZMAN ON LEAVING KNESSET THAT HE WAS DOING SO TO PREPARE ARMY FOR THE INEVITABLE WAR THAT ISRAELI RESPONSE WILL BRING ABOUT. KAMEL CONTENDED WITH GREAT SERIOUSNESS THAT, UNLESS USG INTERVENES WITH PROPOSALS OF ITS OWN, WEIZMAN'S PREDICTION IS LIKELY TO COME TRUE.

6. I TOLD KAMEL THAT WE UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE GOE CONCERN. WE ALSO APPRECIATE RESTRAINT GOE HAS SHOWN IN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ISRAELI RESPONSE. ON THE SURFACE, ISRAELI RESPONSE SEEMS LESS THAN WE HAD HOPED FOR, BUT AS HE KNEW WE ARE SEEKING CLARIFICATION ON SEVERAL POINTS AND HOPE TO BE IN TOUCH WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. MEANTIME, I THOUGHT HE COULD BE ASSURED THAT USG WILL DO EVERYTHING THAT IT CAN TO KEEP THE PEACE PROCESS GOING WITH A VIEW ULTIMATELY TO ACHIEVING POSITIVE RE-

SULTS. I HOPED THAT WE COULD CONTINUE TO COUNT ON HIM
AND OTHER RESPONSIBLE GOE MINISTERS TO HANDLE WITH
COOLNESS AND RESTRAINT ADMITTEDLY DIFFICULT DIPLOMATIC
AND PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEMS THAT ISRAELI RESPONSE
POSES FOR EGYPT. THIS IS A TIME FOR ALL OF US TO KEEP
OUR COOL. ELTS
UNQUOTE VANCE

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, WAR, DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIONS, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, PROPOSALS (BID)
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 jun 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE158056
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: BJSHARP
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780259-0585
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780634/aaaabdfc.tel
Line Count: 123
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: c3303984-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 78 CAIRO 15357
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2259540
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FURTHER COMMENTS BY FONMIN KAMEL ON ISRAELI - RESPONSE
TAGS: PEPR, EG, IS, US, (KAMEL, MOHAMMED IBRAHIM)
To: USUN NEW YORK
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/c3303984-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014